Plays explore relation of illusion, reality

By James Marks

Similarities between illusion and reality provide the theme for two one-act plays in this year's fall production. Both comedies, the plays are "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard and "Impromptu" by Terrence McNally.

"The Real Inspector Hound," two drama critics, played by Andy Neal and Matt Grolzini, watch a play. In their minds the play becomes reality and they become actively involved in the play.

The play they come to see is performed by Abbie Klepp, as a widow; Marybeth Fama, a friend of the widow; Jon Kellam, a stranger; and Marcus Helm, the widowed half-brother of the widow.

Gene Fama will portray Inspector Hound; Carl Schonemann, a deaf handy; Lisa Cohen, a maid; and Denise Laffer, a radio. In "Impromptu," four people portrayed by James Marks, Josh Gericke, Ken Miller and (alternating) Erica Zolberg and Marjie Hilllocks, are told to perform a play.

"THEY HAVEN'T, however, been told what play to perform or what to say. The play poses the question of whether their performance is an act or reality. "The ideas behind the plays are old and well-known," commented Drama Teacher Lucila Andreoni, who is directing them, "but the authors have used imagination in their presentations. I picked two because they offer different viewpoints of the same idea."

Just as the playwrights present different perspectives on the theme, so will two U-High actors, Erica and Marjie who will alternate the same role in "Impromptu," each performing twice. At which performance each character will appear has not been decided.

"I SAW two different, equally justified interpretations," Ms. Andreoni said. "They both deserved the part."

Both plays will employ the same set but different costumes and props.

The set, built under the supervision of Crew Head Joyce Stone and Technical Director James Marks, will be a room in a house.

Costumes, designed by Marjie Hilllocks and Gina Benson, will reflect the time period, the present, and the characters.

Sound effects supervised by David Naunton will include ringing phones, gun shots and howling.

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Kenwood-U-High club ahead?

By Cherie McNelly

A joint service club, probably the Red Cross, and a student exchange program comprise two projects planned for later this year to promote relations between students here and at neighboring Kenwood High.

According to Student Legislative Coordinating Council President Karie Weisbald, an exchange with Francis Parker School also is being planned.

The projects were suggested at a luncheon sponsored at Kenwood last year for student government officers and publications staff members from both schools. The luncheon followed a Midway feature on Kenwood, which is located on 31st St. and Blackstone Ave.

"BECAUSE THIS luncheon was held late in the year," U-High Principal Geoff Jones explained, "none of these plans materialized.

The proposed Red Cross Club at both schools would together serve as a Hyde Park chapter of the organization. The club would do work in the community such as visiting hospitals and volunteering in nursing homes.

"The service club would have to be something both schools were interested in," Kenwood Student Union President Denise Yates said. "Students would have to be willing to work. It would be a good contribution to the community."

THE STUDENT exchange, tentatively planned for later this month, will involve 10 to 12 students from each school exchanging schools for a day to learn how the other function.

Denise felt the exchange would be a good start for students from Kenwood and U-High to become acquainted.

"Even if the students found something about another school they didn't like, at least they would know," she said.

KARIE COMMENTED that numerous U-Highers have expressed a desire to participate in the exchange. Not everyone, however, favors the exchange as planned. Regis Swajkowski, Kenwood's student activities director, said the idea had been tried in the past at other schools but none, in his opinion, had gained by it.

"I'm in favor of the exchange if something can be learned," Mr. Swajkowski said, "if there are concrete benefits."

Charles Bobrinskoy, a U-Higher who attended the luncheon last year, voiced doubts about the planned exchange. "Nothing good comes of this kind of exchange," he said. "I don't think it would be worthwhile to continue these attempts."

Career Academy booms

Hyde Park High, U-High's neighbor to the south at 6200 S. Stony Island Ave., is now Hyde Park Career Academy and is in its second year as a business training school.

Principal Welden Beverly attributes an increase in enrollment — from 1,200 to 2,460 students — to the Academy's new courses in industrial arts, business marketing, service and civil service job training.

Through their four years at the Academy, students receive training in general business, narrowing gradually to one specific job of the student's choice, including on-the-job training in their senior year. Combined with basic academic subjects such as math and English, the programs provide students with practical business education, Mr. Beverly said.

"The goal of the school is to orient students toward business careers," he added. "Students graduating from the Academy have an advantage over other job-seekers because of their training."

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Fall, snowy fall

SLOWLY AMBLING down the Midway, Nicole Chestang reveals the year's first snowfall Oct. 31. Bringing an early touch of winter, the snow covered the city with a light powder which melted after a few hours.

Pho by Jim Marks
THE MIDWAY'S OPINION

Three ways for student government to shine

Student government achievements or lack of them at U-High in past years usually have been related to the student Legislative Coordinating Council's (SLCC) role. SLCC has fulfilled its purpose of "to represent the student body's concerns." For years no different. In three areas - reflecting student opinion, allocating money to organizations, and by law Activities Fund and requiring SLCC members to attend meetings - SLCC must be sure to fill its constitutional purpose conscientiously.

The SLCC admits they rarely ask students for opinions on student government issues. SLCC has often failed to consult the student body through a referendum, either, since April, 1975. In an effort to take a sensible approach to curriculum evaluation and several clubs created in the past two years show that SLCC does not take interest in, and action to, better the school.

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Also see student government story page 4.

The school has been a little cleaner in recent weeks thanks to the hiring of University students as part time maintenance help. Administrators deserve credit for this excellent idea.

Make it mandatory

After perfecting their new evaluation forms, the committee for Student government activities hopes to convince administra- tors to make evaluations mandatory for teachers and to have the results published for students. Although many teachers might object to mandatory evaluation and say they would not participate, such a program would help students.

Involving all teachers in the program and publishing results would give student government officials to develop a quality of classes. And, at U-High, where students, especially juniors and seniors -- have a large degree of choice of teachers, that could be a radical improvement. Teachers would benefit from mandatory evaluations by discovering how students perceive their teaching and by having better teachers because of it. Of course, the worth of such a program would depend on students writing fair evaluations and not using the program either to overly praise a favorite teacher or to denigrate a teacher they don't like.

Mandatory, published evaluations deserve administrative support. More important, they deserve teacher support, because they can improve the quality of teaching, and education, at U-High.

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By David Gottlieb

Not being able to vote in a Presidential election is like being denied a glass of wine at a restaurant: you're being legally denied something you feel ready to handle.

But, unlike a glass of wine, unless it's poisoned, what you do in the voting booth could affect you for the next four years. Voting is a pretty awesome responsibility. You want to do it right.

THE QUESTION: Is: What do we young 'uns have to learn about holding our lunch bag before we order the First Glass? How do we nonvoters assess the relative merits of candidates in campaigns? Take a look at the media presents us with, so that, come 1980, we're ready to vote.

First: The media managed such extensive coverage of every aspect of this year's election that the coverage of trivialities was also more than complete. What's a triviality? Well, most people draw the line at Ford trampling his head or tripping; unfortunately, some don't draw the line at all, taking things too far. This demands a S.B. meeting closed, and entitles a defendant to demand an open meeting. This means that a defendant in a S.B. proceeding may be denied a defendant's right to call witnesses on his or her behalf.

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**Alcohol: Dope of the '70s?**

By Chris Scott

Many students feel that the years spent as a teenager are years of freedom from the parental restrictions of childhood. The social scene at U-High is just that; an island of freedom for these adolescents.

But that freedom is not absolute, according to Dr. Marohn, who has observed the increasing problem of alcoholism among adolescents in the last ten years. "In the last 10 years the problem of alcoholism in adolescents has become progressively more severe and more widespread," Dr. Marohn states.

According to Dr. Marohn all the drunks are not necessarily addicts, but many adolescents still show signs of alcoholism. They may not be completely addicted to alcohol, but they do drink too much.

Many adolescents begin drinking at a young age, usually to cope with pressures of life, especially school. Kelly says he started drinking at about 14, "to fit in". "I felt it was the moral thing to do," he says.

Dr. Marohn believes that alcohol is a tax on the body. "Drinking increases the stress on the body," he says. "The body has to work harder to digest the alcohol and alcoholics have to work harder to maintain their body image." 

Dr. Marohn says that alcoholism is not just a matter of drinking to excess, but also a matter of not being able to control the amount you drink. "It's not just a matter of drinking too much, but also of not being able to stop drinking when you want to," he says.

Dr. Marohn admits that alcoholism is a complex problem, and that there are many factors that contribute to it. "It's not just a physical problem," he says. "It's also a psychological problem, and a social problem." 

Dr. Marohn says that the problem of alcoholism is growing, and that more adolescents are becoming addicted to alcohol. "We're seeing more and more adolescents who are becoming addicted to alcohol," he says. "And that's a problem."
Attendance, allocation get SLCC action
Bylaws altered, member retained; club allotments adjusted after complaints

By Paul Sagan, student government editor, and Fred Offenkrantz, managing editor.

Changes in Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC) bylaws are among recent developments in student government.

Last month Senior Class President Robert Needelman missed his second SLCC meeting of this year. According to SLCC bylaws, Robert should have been dismissed from his position. Instead, of observing the bylaws, SLCC members voted to retain him.

ALTHOUGH ROBERT acknowledged that the bylaws he should have been dismissed, he appealed to SLCC members, in a letter read at a SLCC meeting Oct. 28, to retain him because of his past contributions to student government.

After the letter was read, several SLCC members voted to retain Robert.

Now under SLCC

Teacher evaluation changed

By Mona Sadow

To determine student opinions of teachers' classes and methods, for the benefit of both students and teachers, and for the student an opportunity to influence the curriculum, are goals of the committee for Student Evaluations of Teachers, now under the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC).

SLCC Representative Mitchell Saywitz originally proposed establishing the committee under SLCC's sponsorship. The committee was formed two years ago by

then-SLCC President Robert Needelman. He and four other students set up an evaluation of last year for teachers who wanted feedback from their students about their teaching methods. According to committee members, problems arose because not enough teachers participated, students complained of not knowing the outcome and committee structure was faulty in some areas.

This year, SLCC members and three volunteers are on the committee, which will add curriculum evaluation to its program.

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 Election '76

ONE OF 322 U-Highers who voted in the mock election Nov. 2, Josh Gerick, left, gets a ballot from Mitchell Saywitz, right. They cast ballots for the Presidential and Illinois gubernatorial candidates. Members are as follows:

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**At U-High**

**Twins: They’re separate people**

By Paula Niedenthal

As Jessica Daskal sat in her English class last March, the teacher's lecture was interrupted by a shrill beep. Her classmates watched Jessica reach for a small instrument her teacher had handed out. The beeping ceased and class continued as Jessica began to fill out a short questionnaire.

Last year Jessica, her twin sister Kathy and U-High's other pair of twins, Bob and Judy Solomon, were involved in a study at the University describing the activities of American teenagers and their feelings about those activities. One of the people conducting the study dealt specifically with twins.

**FOR SEVEN DAYS** the four U-High twins each carried a receiver that emitted beeps five to seven times a day, cuing them to fill out a questionnaire dealing with their thoughts at that time. The twins also took personality tests. Results of the study were confidential.

Though they agreed to participate in the study, Jessica and Kathy said they were not conscious of the fact they are twins. (Bob and Judy declined to be interviewed. All four twins did not wish to be photographed.)

"I don’t feel it. I feel like twins as two little girls, dressed alike," said Jessica, whose parents never tried to make her and Kathy look or dress alike, instead stressing differences. "So when the subject is brought up I find it hard to conceive of myself as a twin."

**KATHY BELIEVES** it is a common misconception for people to consider twins two people with one identity. "I cut her hair, people asked me why I didn’t cut mine," she said. "That’s a ridiculous question. We are two different people."

Realistically, Jessica admits Kathy is a shoulder to lean on. "Sometimes I’m afraid I won’t be able to go on my own," she said.

Phys Ed Teacher Ron Drozd syndopmizes with Jessica. He and his identical brother Don have always been best friends, he said. They first separated at the age of 21 when Don entered the Army. "I cried," Mr. Drozd admitted. "We didn’t see each other for eight months. It was hard and I missed him a lot."

There’s a lot of attention attached to being a twin, Mr. Drozd added. "It’s kind of an instant popularity."

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**May Project stays same**

A junior year, rather than senior year, May Project is among alternatives under discussion, according to Principal Geoff Jones. Another alternative would involve the May day, a 24-hour, quarterly program. No change will be made this year, however. Mr. Jones said.

May Project was begun by the Class of 1969 to enable qualified seniors to replace some or all of their classes the last week of the school year to pursue job opportunities, independent study or career opportunities.

Alternatives to the present plan were first discussed by the faculty last year.

Among teacher concerns, Mrs. Jones said, are seniors who use or who have used their Projects to pursue hobbies and recreational interests rather than educational or career-oriented activities.

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**Faculty looks at education**

By Aaron Stern, political editor

Relation of U-High to the American education system generally has been brought into question. How curriculum can be improved to better serve students will provide the main subjects for faculty meetings this year.

The High School Steering Committee, which plans the meeting agendas, has divided the faculty into four groups to improve faculty participation in discussion, according to Librarian Blanche Janecek, faculty chairperson.

Later in the year, these groups may study individual classes of students to learn more about the student experience at U-High, Ms. Janecek continued.

The Steering Committee hopes these activities will improve faculty attendance. At last year's meetings attendance sometime dipped below 50 persent.

At the first meeting this year, Nov. 8, the faculty discussed an excerpt from the book "Schooling in Capitalist America" by Samuel Bowles and Herbert Gintis, which deals with the role of American schools in students' lives.

Attendance at the meeting reached near 100 per cent of the faculty.

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**Workshops offer facts**

Information about U-High's resources, for freshmen, and facts about college application processes, for seniors, were presented successfully in recently completed workshops, according to their organizers, Guidance Department Chairperson Karen Robb and Librarian Mary Biblo.

The freshmen met four times and the seniors three during the first four weeks of school.

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**Tourneys begin for larger debate team**

By Deb Azrael

With 13 members, five more than last year, the debate team has nine tournaments remaining this year after it has competed in three.

This year's debate topic, used by all high school debate teams across the country, deals with whether a comprehensive system of penal reform should be instituted in the United States. The topic is chosen annually by the American Speech Association.

Debate team members are as follows:

Anders Thompson, Deb Azrael, Adam Simon, Tim Bell, Jonathan Silverman, Dan Deutsch, Michael Kaplans, Julie Getzels, Lee Sorensen, Dan Laddis, Debbie Schwartz, Allie Lyon, Ben Roberts and Karri Pisc. Social Studies teacher Earl Barnett is coach and Debbie Tanger is assistant coach.

Last summer five U-High debate members spent three weeks at debate workshops. Mitchell Saywitz, Jonathan, Tim and Ben went to Wake Forest University in South Carolina. Dan and Julie went to Northwestern University. In the workshops they learned about debate technique, researching and actually debated.

Debate tournaments are divided into three divisions: novice, junior varsity and varsity. Results of tournaments before Midway deadline are as follows:

**OCT. 28-29 AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, 16 schools competing — Novice team: 1st and 3rd place. varsity team: 3rd place. Speakers' awards — Varsity: 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th. Novice: 8th, 10th, 11th.**

**OCT. 28-29 AT GLENBROOK NORTH, 50 teams competing — Varsity quarter finals: Junior varsity; Team 1, quarter finals; team 2, 1st place.**

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Top spot eludes soccerme

By David Rothblatt

"That's disgusting," yelled Coach Sandy Patlak as last year's Maroons scored one of its three goals en route to a shutout victory over the Maroons. The season was ended during a steady downpour at Quigley South, Oct. 30.

Geoff Schimberg assessed the final game against the Spartans this way: "They outplayed us in the first half and that made the difference in the game."

THE MAROONS' 8-6-1 record ranked 2nd in the Independent School League behind "a strong Francis Parker team," in the words of Maroon Richard Agin.

The Maroons had finished 1st the last three seasons before finishing behind Francis Parker. This year, two Parker members over U-High enabled Parker to finish 1st.

"The fans were all yelling how the U-High dynasty is over," Agin said. However, the players felt otherwise.

"THE DYNASTY is not over," Schimberg said. "We missed the guys that graduated last year but the team held together well, considering the talent."

We worked hard to live up to the performance," Agin said. Most players felt that overall skill and knowledge of the game were the reasons for the Maroons' successes.

NONLEAGUE GAMES against schools with larger rosters than U-High's accounted for four of the Maroons' six losses. Despite this fact, players felt that they had not been out-played in those games.

On the bus back from Quigley South, the season barely over, some players thought about the season past, others thought about the season ahead. Hugh Oxnard spoke about both. "Not a bad record, 8-6-1; we'll get 'em next year."

As the Midway was going to press, Goalie Eric Stoving, Fullback Mark Horning, Fullback Sam Zelner and Halfback John Hill were named to the Maroons' "team of the year." Fullback David Gottlieb and Forward Simon Gross were named to the Second Team.

Tennis girls tie for 2nd in league

By Cathy Crawford

Pacing back and forth trying to fight off the chill, a few remaining spectators watched girls' tennis team members play Lake Forest in their final match of the season Oct. 29.

Huddled together by the tennis courts south of Sunny Gym, Coach Guy Arkin, Lake Forest Coach Mary Pat Ryan and Phys Ed Teacher Denise Soudin compared their tennis seasons and watched Judy Solicitz, Sandy Kallish and their Lake Forest opponents play their doubles match.

"Occasionally" the other Lake Forest team members, already on their bus and eager to leave shouted cheers to both teams.

As it became increasingly colder and darker, Arkin and Ryan decided to end the match.

By winning two tussles, U-High emerged victorious, by a score of 4-1 on the day.

THE VICTORY enabled U-High to tie Lake Forest for 2nd place with a 5-3 record in the Independent School League.

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Volleyball kicks off winter seasons today

By Greg Simmons, sports editor

Ending a two-week hull of school events at U-High, a game today at Harvard-St. George opens the volleyball season. U-High and Illinois State opened the basketball season. The swimming season starts Wed., Dec. 1 at Mt. Carmel.

Like the starters to graduation will have no effect on the volleyball team, according to Coach Patricia Seghers, "because the team is made up of seniors and juniors, who've had at least three years of playing experience."

That's the only weak link, she added, involves the way the players work as a unit. "Learning each other's abilities will be an early problem, but once we've played together for a few games," Seghers said, "the players will come over to that."

ABSENCE OF THE three best swimmers from last year's squad will hurt this year's team, according to Coach Larry MacFarlane. "We're aware of this, we're going to be weak in the strokes (breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly)," he said, adding, "and we will have to adapt swimmers not accustomed to swimming those strokes."

Although girls are going out for the team the first time—last year three girls tried, however—MacFarlane doesn't know what affect they'll have because he has never worked with female swimmers.

RUNNING is the key to the offense of the Basketball Maroons, according to Coach Sandy Patlak.

There's not a slow man on the team," he said, "I think we'll try to use a running offense."

Patlak feels losses from last year's team and the reinstatement of the "slam dunk" or "stuff" shot will have minimal effect (see Bleacher Bum column this page).

"All the players have desire, they've played a lot of ball during the summer. I think we'll be an exciting team."

CHESS CLUB TO play in city, state matches

Tournaments with other Chicago area high schools are being planned by the Chess Club in an attempt to increase its membership, which has dropped from 15 to five since 1972.

"Membership dwindled when players graduated, transferred to other schools or left the club to pursue other activities," said Club President Aaron Stern, who along with Dan Stone, Raphael Gob, David Neyer and Def Aued make up the team.

The club's new adviser is Lower School Teacher Ruth Marx. She hopes to help teach beginners to play.

In addition to tournaments in the city, club members plan to play in state tournaments later this year.

The club's most experienced players—Aaron, Dan and Raphael—are all seniors and hope the activities they have planned will spur enough interest to keep the club alive after their graduation.

BLEACHER BUM

Some stuff on dunking

By Greg Simmons, sports editor

When the basketball team opens its season Friday at Lincoln Christian, the players will have to deal with a new problem—"the slam dunk" or "stuff" shot.

"Dunking, when a player forces the ball through the basket, was illegal in high school and a going Friday, games from 1967 until this year."

The National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, makers of the rule, cited personal injury and damage to equipment during stuffs as the original ban on the shot.

The dunk is still outlawed during pregame and halftime warmups because the committee felt unskilled players who wouldn't stuff in games might practice a stuff shot and injure themselves or someone else.

Despite the rule change permitting the shot in games, Patlak feels stuffs won't affect play much.

"When we're on defense we've always tried to keep the ball away from the big men under the basket," he said.

"On offense we're always tried to get the ball to the tall man under the basket," he added. Feeling that dunking was reintroduced to add excitement to the game, Sandy does not emphasize it. "Some will stuff and some won't. This will come on their own," he said.

Despite more excitement it appears the adage is true: the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Cheer-full

"OUR GOAL is to inspire the team and the crowd," says Capt. Ed Edswoode, one of seven cheerleaders chosen as finalists Oct. 26. Each of the 13 girls who tried out performed two cheers, three jumps and two stunts consisting of a handspring and a cartwheel-to-a-split.

Principal Geoff Jones, Phys Ed Teacher Mary Busch, Librarian Win Poole and Counselor Jewel Willis judged the candidates and selected the winners.

A freshmen squad will not be formed "because of a lack of interest," said Varsity Capt. Pat Scott. All the cheerleaders said they participate because they enjoy cheerleading, but, Nancy Love pointed out, "It's hard work and not just going out there and looking pretty."

In addition to the games they cheer at, the girls work three hours a week after school at practice. Phys Ed Teacher Yvette Melusak, cheerleading adviser, hopes also to set up a cheerleading clinic with other schools.

Cheering, from left, are Karen Baca, Eddswoode, Raoul, Pat Scott, Lisa farkas, Nancy Love, Michelle Shaw and Natalie Shaw.

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Three new clubs plan
flicks, food, gazing

Films during lunch period and after school, a dinner of Mediterranean delicacies and star gazing sessions using telescopes are among plans of three new clubs. They are Film, Latin and Astronomy.

Film Club President Barbara Bormuth said she started the organization "to increase U-Highers' enjoyment of films by their learning more about them." The films the club is sponsoring during lunch and after school are both sound and silent and will include musicals, mysteries, comedies, westerns and home movies. Several already have been shown. The films are announced in the daily bulletin and all U-Highers are invited to attend.

Barbara said the club also hopes to sponsor trips to see film showings at the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Art Institute, where discussions with the director sometimes follow. She also hopes to bring speakers about filmmaking to the school.

Latin Club President Amy Schlaes said Latin students started the club because "we wanted an organization to unite the two Latin classes." The club is scheduling films depicting Roman history, and a Mediterranean banquet at Jill Harn's house. The club won a basketball game with the Russian Club last month and may plan more such games. Members also have met for dinner at Dianna's Restaurant.

Josh Lerner and Jonathan Wheelshay said they started the Astronomy Club because they like a science which involves observation and mathematics. Josh is president. The club will hold telecasts, star-and-galaxy-observing sessions and trips to observatories such as York in Wisconsin, they said. The club also plans to attend lectures on astronomy at the University, to subscribe to Astronomy Magazine and to purchase current astronomy books.

Midway wins 'Trendsetter'

For innovative content and presentation worthy of emulation by other student publications, the Midway has received a 1976 Trendsetter Award.

The award is made by the Columbia (University, N.Y.) Scholastic Press Association. The Midway was the only high school newspaper in the nation to receive the honor this year.

To be considered for a Trendsetter Award, a paper must first win the Association's highest award for overall excellence, Medalist, and then be nominated by its judge. The Midway received Medalist on the basis of issues published during 1975. The Trendsetter Council of Judges examined an updated file of issues published during the 1975-76 school year.

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It's magic: Now you see it, now you don't

OBJECTS APPEAR and disappear and fly through the air as three U-Highers display their sleight-of-hand talents.

MAGICIAN Allan Hurst (photos from left) presents magic shows every Saturday at F.A.O. Schwartz toy store, where he is a salesman, magician and puppeteer. Here Allan places his hand in a box full of swords, from which they will emerge unscathed (at least they have every time he's tried the trick so far).

DAVID NAYER, a self-taught juggler, has been practicing since last January. David has appeared in several shows, most recently in the Festival of Chicago Comedy at Mandel Hall. Here David watches the balls with a careful eye.

ANOTHER U-HIGH magician is Brian Ragan. He presents shows on the average of one a week. Brian performs at parties, for church groups and at hospitals. Here, after having inserted unconnected silks into a tube, Brian says the magic words and the silks come out connected.

IN THE WIND

That was Tim, not Jim

By Chris Scott

Tim Bell, not Jim Bell, should have been quoted in the Oct. 26 Midway in the front-page story on opinions about abortion. Joe Simon, who wrote the story, apologizes for the error, and also for misspelling Peter Fritzsche elsewhere on the page.

Winter sports, a day off and a feature film are on the schedule in the weeks ahead before the Midway gives the school its own Christmas present, Dec. 14.

TODAY-Volleyball, Harvard-St. George. 4 p.m. here; Freshman parents meeting 7:30 p.m., U-Club 305.

TUES., DEC. 7-Boy's basketball, Lake Forest. 6:30 p.m.; Volleyball, Lake Forest. 4 p.m. here.

THURS., DEC. 14-Volleyball, Lake-St. George. 4 p.m. here.

FRI., DEC. 16-String Ensemble concert, Lake-Forest. 7:30 p.m....

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